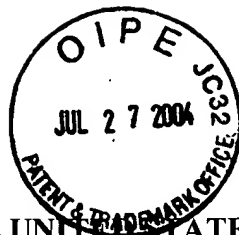


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This responds to the Office Action mailed on January 23, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from April 23, 2004 to July 23, 2004.